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My dear Doctor,

I arrived at home the day before yesterday, after a very severe, & wearying journey of (in all) 1500 miles! I have made the length of the Province, & can assure you that winter travel, in the Canadas, is no joke - Always in open Carriages, often by night, it requires more strength than I have to "take it easy" - However, by God's blessing, I have escaped all injury, (tho' not upsets & accidents) & I think I am, in many respects, better than when I left home - However, I have a pull-back in the shape of a very severe Cough, caught in the lower Province, & which has fastened itself very uncomfortably on my lungs - Finding the Cough & irritation resisted warm bathings &c. I have, at the instance of Dr. Beales, put on some Leeches, last night, & am a prisoner (in green? ^{to} day - I have had for some week or two, slightly bloody expectorations, which being an ugly symptom, makes me more willing to submit to the annoyance of being Doctor'd - In a business point of view, I think my trip promises very well, if

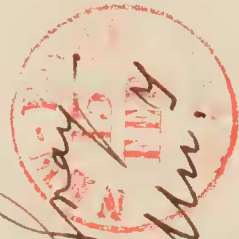
peace continues - This, I remember, you have no fears
about, tho' I must confess that, for myself, I see great
cause for alarm. The speech of your Mr. Adams astonished
me much, as I thought him the organ of the respectable
Conservative Party, tho' well knowing that he was always
consider'd unfriendly, in his views, towards J^r. Poinsett.
To turn, however, to pleasanter subjects - I find, on my
return, very kind letters from Darlington - Dewey - Dr. Vasey
& a J. B. Hutton - of Princeton - Darlington sends me a
small package containing some Brochures, ^{The Reliques of Balow.} & his valuable
Flora Cest. He hopes to get some of his younger friends
to collect some plants for me, in the Spring -
Dewey advises some Carices "enclosed" in his letter, (which
came by mail) they have not yet turned up - Vasey
has sent a package of his plants - not yet opened, &
Hutton sends a list from which he desires me to select.
Curtis' Box has arrived, but is not opened - This is all
I have to report, of my botan. matters - I have not
come across a single Naturalist during my Journey
with my Partner - Mr. Thomson - And now, when you
have time, write me a few lines, & say.

- 1 - What of your health?
- 2 - How went the lectures?
- 3 - What of "The Book" - Does Oakes help?
- 4 - What of another number of Flora? when to
appear?
- 5 - Will Lapham or Hale send me any plants?

Generally, what is your Botany? news? Has
Hooker sent the Feyer plants? What of Lindheimer's
new Collectors? Did your glumaceae arrive safe?
I have sometimes been fidgetty to know that they did so,
I called, when at Buffalo, to see your lithog. Printer,
but could not get at Prestel who resides in the Indian
Reservation lands, 6 Miles from Buffalo & the Road
being completely blocked up with snow I could not
get there - The printer say, they get on as fast as they
can with what he sends them, & any delay is only
with him - They thought they had struck off about
200, but could not tell - They were only able
to show me one - which had on it, Cakesia
Thermops. lance. & another plant which I possess -
The resemblances were good, but the writing
very much in the "bloody Frenchman" style - Not to
my taste - I mean to call on Dorey, tomorrow, if I am
allowed to go out - My poor Brother has been very ill
during my absence - Bleeding, from the Bronchia, ^{prevented}
cupping & blistering necessary, by which he is reduced,
tho' now again able to attend to business - I sometimes
tremble at the prospect before myself, in view of my
feeble Condition - Give my very kind regards to your
Mother, believing me, Always truly Yours
Jno. Carey

I forgot to tell you that Barrall has sent, by mail, a set of his - Salix labels !!! - duly endorsed with his respects &c. &c. I really regret that I yielded to your suggestion in writing to him - It makes me "feel cheap" - May this man of 15,000 Duplicates die in the full & undisturbed possession of his cherished treasures. I care not to deprive him of any of them, assuredly - Send me a copy of your paper on *Gutierrezia ochroleuca*. &c.

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Wiley & Co. have completed their track-taking, & say they certainly have not got any forest or box for *Chagrin*.